

Title: Electric Pole Saw
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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-22 and add the following new claims:

Claims 1-22 (Cancelled).

23. (Currently Amended) An electric pole ~~chain~~ saw, comprising:
- an electric ~~chain~~ saw having a handle aperture, a main body, a trigger, ~~and a power cord~~;
- a pole member having an upper end and a lower end;
- a bracket provided near said upper end of said pole member for receiving said handle of said electric chain saw and releasably mounting said chain saw on said pole member adjacent said upper end thereof, comprising two rigid mounting bracket halves, one of which is fastened to said pole member near said upper end of said pole member, said bracket halves having surface features that generally conform to the opening and contour created by said handle aperture, a trigger depression device operative to support said trigger of said saw in a depressed "on" position and a fastening mechanism for releasably securing said bracket halves to said chainsaw handle;
- wherein said bracket halves each further comprise one or more complementary interlocking features to control twisting or angular movement between said two bracket halves.
24. (Previously Presented) The pole saw of Claim 23, wherein said trigger depression device is integral to at least one of said mounting bracket halves.
25. (Previously Presented) The pole saw of Claim 23, wherein said fastening mechanism is a

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hand tightenable fastener.

26. (Currently Amended) The pole saw of Claim 23, further comprising an electrical extension cord disposed within said pole member having an end extending from said upper end of said pole member releasably connectable to said power cord of said chain saw, and having an opposite end releasably connectable to an electrical power supply, and a remote switch mounted on said pole member operative when depressed to transmit electrical power to said chain saw and operative when released to stop transmission of electrical power to said chain saw.
27. (Previously Presented) The pole saw of Claim 23, wherein said electric chain saw handle aperture has a knuckle guard.
28. (Currently Amended) In an electric pole chain saw comprising an electric chain saw having a handle aperture, a main body, a trigger, and a power cord and a pole member having an upper end and a lower end, an improved chain saw mounting bracket assembly provided near said upper end of said pole member for restraining said electric chain saw and releasably mounting said chain saw on said pole member adjacent said upper end thereof, providing control of angular movement or twisting between the bracket halves and angular movement between the chain saw and pole member, comprising:
two rigid mounting bracket halves, one of which is fastened to said pole member near said upper end of said pole member, said bracket halves having surface features that generally conform to the opening and contour created by said handle aperture and one or

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more complementary interlocking features disposed on the surface of each said bracket

half that faces said chain saw when said bracket is assembled, a trigger depression device operative to support said trigger of said saw in a depressed "on" position and a fastening mechanism for releasably securing said bracket halves to said chainsaw.

29. (Previously Presented) The pole saw of Claim 28, wherein said trigger depression device is integral to at least one of said mounting bracket halves.
30. (Previously Presented) The pole saw of Claim 28, wherein said fastening mechanism is a hand tightenable fastener which requires no external tools to assemble and disassemble.
31. (Previously Presented) The pole saw of Claim 28, wherein said electric chain handle aperture further has a knuckle guard.
32. (Currently Amended) An electric pole chain saw, comprising:
a powerhead chain saw having a handle and a handle opening;
a pole connected to said powerhead chain saw by a pole bracket;
said pole bracket defined by a first portion and a second portion;
one of said first portion and said second portion having an outwardly extending feature substantially conforming to said handle opening, said first bracket portion and said second bracket portion having complementary interlocking features inhibiting twisting between said first bracket portion and said second bracket portion.
33. (Previously Presented) The electric pole saw of claim 32, said outwardly extending feature engaging said handle opening contour defined by a casing, a handle, and a knuckle

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guard.

34. (Previously Presented) The electric pole saw of claim 32, said outwardly extending feature engaging multiple inner surfaces of said handle opening.
35. (Currently Amended) An electric pole chain saw, comprising:
a pole having a first end and a second end;
a pole saw bracket proximate one of said first and second end of said pole;
an electric pole chain saw having a handle opening defined by a handle, a casing and a knuckle guard, said pole saw connected to said pole saw bracket;
said pole saw bracket having an outwardly extending feature engaging said handle, said casing and said knuckle guard of said handle opening of said electric pole saw;
said pole chain saw bracket having a first half and a second half which complementary mating features disposed on a mating surface of each of said first half and said second half.
36. (Currently Amended) An electric pole chain saw, comprising:
a pole having a bracket proximate one end of said pole;
a powerhead chain saw comprising a handle and at least one handle opening;
said bracket comprising a first portion and a second portion;
one of said first portion and said second portion having an outwardly extending feature substantially conforming and mounted into said at least one handle opening;
said first and second portions of said bracket having interlocking features and at least one

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fastener.

37. (Currently Amended) An electric pole chain saw, comprising:
- a pole having a bracket proximate one end of a pole, said bracket having a trigger engagement feature formed thereon;
 - a chain saw powerhead having a handle opening;
 - said bracket substantially conforming to said handle opening and substantially aligning an axis of said pole with a center of mass of said pole saw and having mating interlocking features to control angular movement between a first bracket half and a second bracket half.
38. (Currently Amended) An electric pole chain saw, comprising:
- a powerhead chain saw having a handle and a handle opening circumscribed by said handle;
 - a pole connected to said powerhead chain saw by a pole bracket;
 - said pole bracket defined by a first portion and a second portion;
 - one of said first portion and said second portion having an outwardly extending feature substantially assuming the shape of said handle opening and engaging said handle opening and also having interlocking features.